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Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination & Legal Administration
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MUR 6829 - Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, Inc.

Dear Ms. Collins:

The Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, Inc. ("WILL") has received a Complaint from you in Matter Under Review 6829. As President and General Counsel, I submit this response on behalf of WILL.

WILL is a non-profit law firm and educational organization dedicated to promoting the public interest in the rule of law, constitutional government, individual liberty and a robust civil society. The Complaint does not allege that WILL committed a violation of any statute or regulation and, therefore, WILL should not be a Respondent in this Matter.

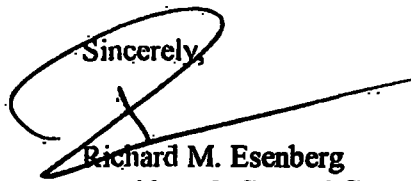
Under applicable IRS guidelines, WILL can, in certain limited circumstances, provide clients with legal services for an hourly fee. WILL is charging hourly fees for this particular lawsuit, and has followed its normal procedures when it engages in litigation of this kind, including providing a retainer agreement to the parties it is representing. Our retainer agreement with Senator Ron Johnson and Brooke Ericson provided an estimate for fees in this litigation matter and establishes an amount of fees which WILL said it would not exceed without informing and consulting with Senator Johnson and Ms. Ericson. The agreement provides that we will bill for our services as appropriate based on agreed hourly rates.

At the time of the Agreement, we did not know the amount of fees that would be incurred. Under our normal procedures, WILL does not require an advanced retainer. That customary

practice was followed here. As is WILL's practice in cases for which we charge fees, we submitted a billing statement when we thought it appropriate to do so, in this case shortly after the work involved in briefing preliminary motions was completed.

In conclusion, WILL, which followed its standard procedures and is not alleged to have committed a violation of law or regulation, should not be a Respondent in this case.

Sincerely,


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